

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 7-12 are allowed and that claims 2-6 are objected to but would be allowable if put in independent form by including all the limitations of the base claim.

Claims 2-12 are all the claims pending in the application. In order to expedite the prosecution for the present application, claims 1, 13, and 15 have been cancelled. Claim 2 has been rewritten into independent form to include the features of claim 1. Accordingly, claims 2-12 are now believed to be allowable.

Claims 1 and 13-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rhoades (US Publication No. 2007/0220232) in view of Abdo (US Publication No. 2004/0052257). Since claims 1 and 13-15 have been canceled from the application, the rejection of claims 1 and 13-15 is now moot.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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